



THE LAST JUDGE

J.T.C.

Bob... that's great.
You've got it working!


Piece of cake, Kelly.

What are you,
a computer man?

Yes, Uncle
George, this is
Bob Williams.

How do you
do, sir?

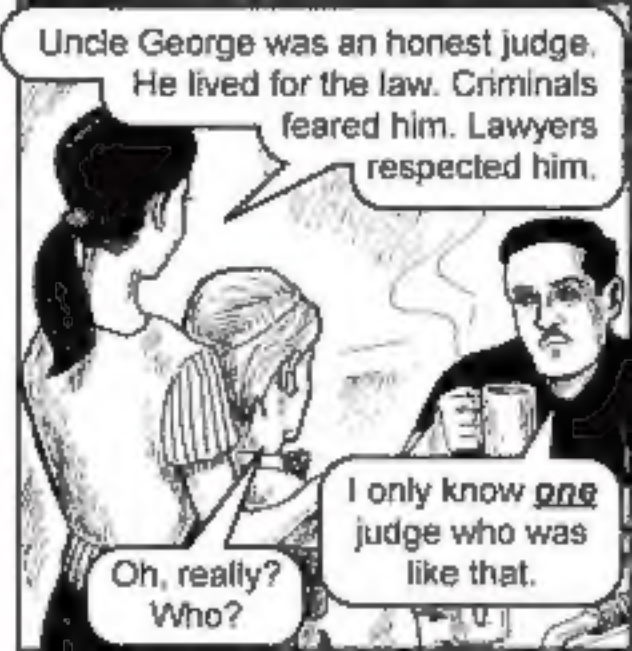
Not too good.

A black and white comic panel showing a man with a mustache and an eye patch over his right eye. He is wearing a white shirt and a dark bow tie. He is speaking to a woman whose back is to the viewer. The woman has dark hair pulled back.

You know... I was a judge
and a tough one... until I
had my accident.

I'm sorry.

Come join me
for coffee.

A black and white comic panel showing a woman with dark hair in a ponytail talking to a man. The man is sitting at a table with a coffee cup. A young girl with a striped beanie is also at the table, looking towards the woman.

Uncle George was an honest judge.
He lived for the law. Criminals
feared him. Lawyers
respected him.

Oh, really?
Who?

I only know one
judge who was
like that.

Your Honor — this judge...
he was a true historical figure.



I love history. Tell me
his story... *Please!*

Over 1,000 years before Christ,
Israel was judged by a man named
Eli. He was also a high priest.



He had two rotten sons,
completely out of control. They
polluted everything they touched,
but Eli did nothing to stop them.

"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes."^{*}



One day Eli saw a woman crying as she prayed. She told God that if she could have a son, she'd give him to the Lord."^{**}

^{*}Judges 21:25

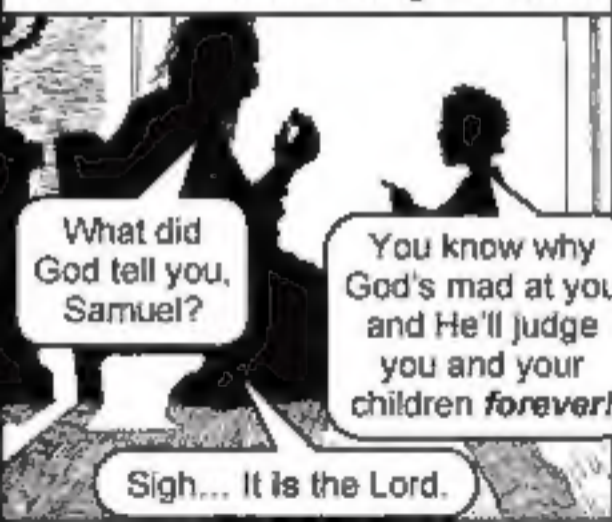
^{**}1 Samuel 1:11

She gave birth to a son, named him Samuel, and presented him to Eli.



Eli had no idea what God was going to do with little Samuel.

God wouldn't talk to Eli any more, because he honored his sons above God. So God started talking to the child.



What did God tell you, Samuel?

You know why God's mad at you and He'll judge you and your children *forever!*

Sigh... It is the Lord.

"And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground."^{*}



So, is this Samuel going to be the judge?

Absolutely, Your Honor.

^{*}1 Samuel 3:19

War came and Israel was losing.
In their camp was Israel's most
holy treasure.



It was called "The Ark of the
Covenant." The people thought
that if they carried this into the
battle, God would bless them.

Israel shouted with a great
victorious shout, for the
Ark of God was with them.



But who carried the ark? It was Eli's
two rotten sons which God hated.

Which side do you think God helped?

30,000 Israelites were slaughtered by the Philistines... Eli's two sons died. The Ark of God was captured.



When Eli heard that the Ark of God was taken... he fell backwards and broke his neck and died.

There was a new judge in Israel:
it was Samuel.



He was God's man. All the years that he judged, the Philistines never again gained a victory against the Israelites. And the Ark of God was soon returned.

But the children of Israel were tired of having a judge over them.



We want
a *king!*

Yes, a *king!*

Just like
everybody
else!

They didn't want God to lead them anymore. They wanted a king. Samuel knew this was wrong.

God told Samuel to warn them...

A king will take your sons, your daughters, your servants...

and your property for himself.

Everything will change for the worst. When you complain, God will not hear.

They didn't care... They wanted a king. But they got more than they bargained for.

Their new king was named Saul. At first he was shy and listened to God.



After only two years he became arrogant and took it upon himself to do the unspeakable...

Instead of waiting for Samuel, he himself, made a burnt offering to God.



Saul was in deep trouble with God! And it cost him his kingdom.

Soon after that Saul made his fatal mistake

Saul God said go smite Amalek — destroy everything in the city *

Nothing is to be left alive

1 Samuel 15:3

Saul took 210 000 soldiers and **wiped out** the Amalekites

But Saul returned with Agag the king of Amalek and many animals

rebellion was the sign of witchcraft *

Surely the bitterness of death is past
1 Samuel 15:32

1 Samuel 15:32

And Samson hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal * Samuel 15:33
Then he said to Saul

they had rejected the word of the Lord and the Lord had rejected them from being his people Israel *



The spirit of the Lord departed from Achish ** God picked someone else to be Israel's king

God had Samuel anoint a young man by the name of David to be the future king



and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward *

Now the Lord left Saul, and he had to face his problems alone.

I defy the armies of Israel



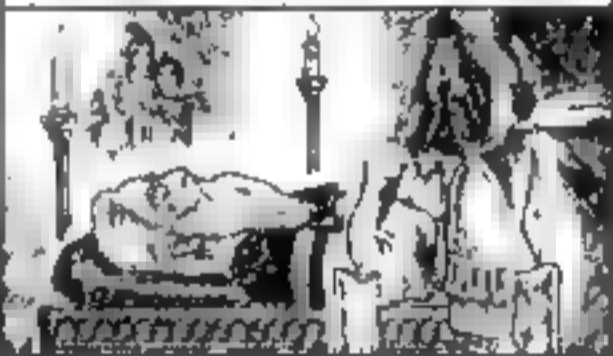
One of the biggest problems was a Philistine named Goliath almost 10 feet tall. All of Saul's soldiers were scared to death of him.

But young David rose up to fight Goliath himself.



And God gave David the victory. Now David loved Saul, but King Saul grew to hate David.

Samuel this great and last judge of Israel told David that he would surely be king And it came to pass



After judging Israel for 40 years Samuel died And all Israel mourned for him


Samuel was a godly and righteous judge He never took a bribe and never let people influence his decisions



because he knew that one day he will face the **greatest** judge of all

Who is that?
Tell me!





Well, Your Honor, one day
this Judge will sit on His
throne and all the world will
be gathered before Him

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of Life and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works"

Revelation 20:12

Everything we've ever done is going to be played back for all to see
and everyone will hear our most secret thoughts



For there is nothing hid which shall not be manifest
Mark 4:22

But the most important question
will be...

Is his name in
the book of life?

What happens to
them if their name is
not in the book?

Then the Judge will say these words

*Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels!**

*Matthew 25:41

Wh **who is** this great Judge?

He is the Lord Jesus Christ!

GASP but I thought He was dead

the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick (living) and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom

2 Timothy 4:1

No. He rose from the dead and is **very much alive**

confess I haven't been perfect! Who has?

Then you really are in trouble, Your Honor

You have no defense, sir
As of right now you are without hope and guilty before God

Guilty? But there must be a way to escape this sentence

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

Jesus Christ was **already** executed for our crimes! Let me explain...

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

He shed His precious blood to wash away all our sins. Jesus died and rose again the third day.

Right now, the Lord Jesus Christ is in heaven, defending all those who trust Him against our biggest adversary, the Devil.



Jesus can be your Saviour or the toughest Judge you will ever face.

Then I have no choice...
If I don't give my life to Jesus...

then by God's
law I'm a
guilty criminal,
facing eternal
punishment!

That's right,
sir.

Then what
must I do?

You must go before
God in prayer,
confess that you are
a guilty sinner,

and ask Jesus to forgive
you, come into your heart
and save you.

I will, I must!

That evening



I've sent people to jail for life, but God could have sent me to hell forever!

Thank You, Lord Jesus!

Have you ever been inside a courtroom, facing a judge? It's a very *sobering* experience.

But you **will** stand before the Holy God, defenseless and doomed for all eternity.

Don't let this happen to you. Receive the Lord Jesus as your Saviour *today.*

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

